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1. SUMMARY: TEN FOREIGN MINISTERS SPOKE IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS NOVEMBER 9. VENEZUELA, NICARAUGA, HONDUARAS AND BOLIVIA ARE INSCRIBED TO SPEAK SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10.

2. PERU. FONMIN DE LA FLOR NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF AMERICAN STATES HAD REESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH CUBA. HE REFERRED TO THE 1972 PERUVIAN EFFORT TO DEAL WITH CUBA PROBLEM WITHOUT CONFRONTATION. (A VARIANT OF THE "FREEDOM OF ACTION" FORMULA.) NOW, HE SAID, THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM HAS A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN ITSELF BY PUTTING THE MATTER TO REST. HE MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO GREAT POWERS WHOSE INTERESTS HAVE LED WEAKER COUNTRIES INTO DEPENDENCE AND DOMINATION. HE ALSO REITERATED THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT'S EARLIER CALL FOR ARMS LIMITATION.
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3. URUGUAY. FONMIN BLANCO OUTLINED AT LENGTH HIS COUNTRY'S REASONS FOR OPPOSING LIFTING OF SANCTIONS. HE REVIEWED CUBA'S CONTINUED INTERVENTION IN URUGUAY; THE ONLY ISSUE, HE SAID, IS WHETHER CUBA HAS CHANGED, AND THE ANSWER WITHOUT ANY DOUBT IS NO. CUBA CONTINUES ITS SUBVERSION, ITS TRAINING OF TERRORISTS AND REVOLUTIONARIES. DESPITE CHANGES IN THE COLD WAR, PLURALISM OF IDEOLOGIES, ETC., THE SANCTIONS MUST BE MAINTAINED UNTIL A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY DECIDES OTHERWISE.

4. ARGENTINA. JUSTICE MINISTER BENITEZ DEFENDED ARGENTINA'S RIGHT TO HAVE RESUMED RELATIONS WITH CUBA, CITED PERON'S COMMITMENT TO BROAD POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR A PROMPT SOLUTION TO THE CUBA/OAS PROBLEM. HE SAID THE COSTA RICA/COLOMBIA/VENEZUELA EFFORT REFLECTS THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE AND THE FREEDOM THAT SPIRIT MEANS FOR EACH COUNTRY TO MAINTAIN POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH ITS OWN INTERESTS. THE SANCTIONS, MOREOVER, NEVER WERE EFFECTIVE OR PROPER. A POSITIVE SOLUTION TO THE CUBA PROBLEM WILL MARK THE REESTABLISHMENT OF AUTHENTIC COOPERATION AMONG ALL AMERICAN STATES.

5. EL SALVADOR. FONMIN BORGONOVO INDICATED EL SALVADOR'S BELIEF THAT THE SANCTIONS IMPOSED IN 1964 ARE NO LONGER NEEDED. HE NOTED THAT VENEZUELA, THE COUNTRY WHICH HAD SOUGHT THE 9TH MFM, NO LONGER FEARS CUBAN INTERVENTION; MOREOVER, THE COLD WAR HAS GIVEN WAY TO AN ERA OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING (CITING THE UN FRIENDLY RELATIONS DECLARATION AND 1973 OASGA RESOLUTION ON PLURALITY OF IDEOLGIES). IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO REMEDY THE GRAVE INJUSTICE CAUSED BY THE RIO TREATY VOTING FORMULA IN THIS RESPECT; SANCTIONS SHOULD BE LIFTED WHENEVER THERE IS NO LONGER THE NECESSARY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO IMPOSE THEM.

6. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. OAS AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE CALLED FOR RE-INTEGRATION OF CUBA INTO THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, DENOUNCING BOTH THE 1962 AND 1964 OAS RESOLUTIONS. TRINIDAD WAS NOT PARTY TO THE RIO TREATY
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IN 1964; IF IT HAD BEEN, HE SAID, TRINIDAD WOULD HAVE OPPOSED THE SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA.

7. PARAGUAY. FONMIN SAPENA PASTOR LISTED A SERIES OF INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED CUBAN-INSPIRED INTERVENTION IN PARAGUAY BETWEEN 1946 AND 1974 AS PROOF THAT CUBAN INTERVENTION CONTINUES. HE SAID THAT ANY CHANGE IN BIG-POWER RELATIONS WAS IRRELEVANT TO THE CUBAN PROBLEM,

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THAT INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE SANCTIONS WAS NO ARGUMENT FOR REMOVING THEM AND THAT CUBA'S POLITICAL SYSTEM IMPLIES INTERVENTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES' AFFAIRS. IN ANY CASE PARAGUAY WOULD NOT RENEW RELATIONS WITH CUBA WHATEVER THE OUTCOME.

8. CHILE. FONMIN CARVAJAL OPPOSED REMOVING THE SANCTIONS. HE REITERATED THE INSTANCES OF CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN CHILE UNDER THE ALLENDE REGIME, AS PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR TRUCCO AT THE PERMANENT COUNCIL SESSION OF OCTOBER 29 IN WASHINGTON.

9. COSTA RICA. FONMIN FACIO SAID THAT THIS MEETING NEED NOT BE EXCLUSIVELY BOUND BY THE LANGUAGE OF THE 1964 RESOLUTION. BASING HIS CASE ON THE ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL NATURE OF AN MFM, FACIO STATED THAT THE MINISTERS HAD THE CLEAR AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHATEVER THEY WISHED. HE THEN LISTED A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY IT IS NO LONGER "CONVENIENT" TO MAINTAIN THE SACTIONS, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY THE OAS'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES, THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE SANCTIONS, THE FAILURE OF ALL ATTEMPTS TO SUBVERT ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT BOTH BY AND AGAINST CUBA AND THE EROSION OF THE RIO TREATY. FACIO CHALLENGED THE MINORITY OPPOSING THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS TO INTRODUCE A PROPOSAL TO "RETAIN" THE SANCTIONS; IF IT SHOULD GET A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE, THE MINISTERS (FACIO THOUGHT) WOULD ACQUIESCE IN KEEPING SANCTIONS; IF NOT, THE MINORITY SHOULD AGREE TO LIFTING THEM. FACIO SAID AN ABSTENTION WAS THE SAME AS A NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION AND CALLED ON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO BECOUNTED IN FAVOR OR AGAINST.

10. COLOMBIA. FONMIN LIEVANO SPOKE IN GENERAL TERMS IN UNCLASSIFIED

FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION, SAYING IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPOSE IDEOLOGICAL UNIFORMITY. JUST AS THE BIG POWERS HAVE RELAXED TENSIONS, HE SAID, THE MEMBERS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT RESPECT FOR IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IS THE KEY TO WORLD PEACE.

11. MEXICO. FONMIN RABASA STATED THAT MEXICO HAD VOTED AGAINST SANCTIONS IN 1964. HE SAID MEXICO STRONGLY SUPPORTS LIFTING SANCTIONS.
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